



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

## Edinburgh Research Explorer

# Family-based Genome-wide Association Study of South Indian Pedigrees Supports WNT7B as a Central Corneal Thickness Locus

### Citation for published version:

Mexican American Glaucoma Genetic Study, International Glaucoma Genetics Consortium, Neighborhood Consortium, George, RJ & Wiggs, JL 2018, 'Family-based Genome-wide Association Study of South Indian Pedigrees Supports WNT7B as a Central Corneal Thickness Locus', *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science (IOVS)*. <https://doi.org/10.1167/iovs.17-23536>

### Digital Object Identifier (DOI):

[10.1167/iovs.17-23536](https://doi.org/10.1167/iovs.17-23536)

### Link:

[Link to publication record in Edinburgh Research Explorer](#)

### Document Version:

Peer reviewed version

### Published In:

Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science (IOVS)

### General rights

Copyright for the publications made accessible via the Edinburgh Research Explorer is retained by the author(s) and / or other copyright owners and it is a condition of accessing these publications that users recognise and abide by the legal requirements associated with these rights.

### Take down policy

The University of Edinburgh has made every reasonable effort to ensure that Edinburgh Research Explorer content complies with UK legislation. If you believe that the public display of this file breaches copyright please contact [openaccess@ed.ac.uk](mailto:openaccess@ed.ac.uk) providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.



**Family-based Genome-wide Association Study of South Indian Pedigrees Supports  
*WNT7B* as a Central Corneal Thickness Locus**

**Bao Jian Fan<sup>1</sup>, Xueli Chen<sup>2</sup>, Nisha Sondhi<sup>1</sup>, P. Fedina marie Sharmila<sup>3</sup>, Nagasamy Soumittra<sup>3</sup>, S. Sripriya<sup>3</sup>, S. Sacikala<sup>3</sup>, Rashima Asokan<sup>4</sup>, David S. Friedman<sup>5</sup>, Louis R. Pasquale<sup>1,6</sup>, X. Raymond Gao<sup>7</sup>, Lingam Vijaya<sup>4</sup>, Jessica Cooke Bailey<sup>8</sup>, Veronique Vitart<sup>9</sup>, Stuart MacGregor<sup>10</sup>, Christopher J. Hammond<sup>11</sup>, Chiea Chuen Khor<sup>12</sup>, Jonathan L. Haines<sup>8</sup>, Mexican American Glaucoma Genetic Study, International Glaucoma Genetics Consortium, NEIGHBORHOOD Consortium, Ronnie George<sup>4</sup>, Janey L. Wiggs<sup>1\*</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Department of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA

<sup>2</sup>Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science, Eye & Ear Nose Throat Hospital, Shanghai Medical College, Fudan University, Shanghai, China

<sup>3</sup>SNONGC Department of Genetics and Molecular biology, Vision Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, India

<sup>4</sup>Medical Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, India

<sup>5</sup>The Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Wilmer Eye Institute, Baltimore, Maryland

<sup>6</sup>Channing Division of Network Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

<sup>7</sup>Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

<sup>8</sup>Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute for Computational biology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio

<sup>9</sup>MRC Human Genetics Unit, Institute for Genetics and Molecular Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK.

<sup>10</sup>QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

<sup>11</sup>Department of Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology, King's College London, London, UK.

<sup>12</sup>Division of Human Genetics, Genome Institute of Singapore, Singapore.

\*Corresponding author:

Janey L. Wiggs, MD PhD

Paul Austin Chandler Professor of Ophthalmology

Harvard Medical School

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

243 Charles Street

Boston, MA 02114

617 573 6440 (office)

janey\_wiggs@meei.harvard.edu

## 1 ABSTRACT

2 Purpose: Central corneal thickness (CCT) is a highly heritable ocular quantitative trait related to  
3 several eye diseases including keratoconus and glaucoma. The genetic risk factors contributing  
4 to CCT as well as the average CCT values varies among populations. Genome-wide  
5 association studies have not yet been completed for ocular quantitative traits in individuals from  
6 South India, a population with a high prevalence of ocular disorders.

7 Methods: 195 individuals from 15 large consanguineous South Indian pedigrees were  
8 genotyped using the Omni2.5 bead array. Family-based association, adjusting for age and sex,  
9 was conducted using the score test in MERLIN to assess association between single nucleotide  
10 polymorphisms (SNPs) and CCT.

11 Results: Genome-wide association analysis for CCT identified strongest association between  
12 SNPs located on chromosome 22 in the first intron of *WNT7B* and CCT (top SNP rs9330813;  $\beta$   
13  $= -0.57$ , 95%CI:  $-0.78, -0.36$ ;  $P = 1.7 \times 10^{-7}$ ). We further investigated rs9330813 in a Latino cohort  
14 and 4 independent European cohorts. A meta-analysis of these datasets demonstrated  
15 statistically significant association between rs9330813 and CCT ( $\beta = -3.94$ , 95%CI:  $-5.23, -2.66$ ;  
16  $P = 1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ ). *WNT7B* SNPs located in the same genomic region that includes rs9330813 have  
17 been associated with CCT in Latinos but with other ocular quantitative traits related to myopia  
18 (corneal curvature and axial length) in a Japanese population (rs10453441 and rs200329677).  
19 To evaluate the specificity of the observed *WNT7B* association with CCT in the South Indian  
20 families we completed an ocular phenome-wide association study (PheWAS) for the top  
21 *WNT7B* SNPs using 45 ocular traits measured in these same families including corneal  
22 curvature and axial length. The ocular PheWAS results indicate that in the South Indian families  
23 *WNT7B* SNPs are primarily associated with CCT.

- 1 Conclusion: Overall, we provide robust evidence for an association between *WNT7B* SNPs and
- 2 CCT, and suggest that *WNT7B* SNPs can have population-specific effects on ocular quantitative
- 3 traits.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 Ocular quantitative traits such as central corneal thickness (CCT), axial length and  
3 intraocular pressure are heritable intermediate phenotypes (endophenotypes) for common  
4 complex eye disorders such as keratoconus, myopia and glaucoma<sup>1</sup>. CCT is a highly heritable  
5 ocular quantitative trait with up to 95% of its phenotypic variance due to genetics<sup>2</sup>. Thin CCT is  
6 related to several diseases of the cornea, especially keratoconus<sup>3</sup> and brittle corneal  
7 syndrome<sup>4</sup>. Very thin corneas are a hallmark of Ehlers Danlos<sup>5</sup> and thicker than normal corneas  
8 are found in patients with aniridia<sup>6</sup>. Thinner than average CCT can influence development of  
9 primary open angle glaucoma<sup>7,8</sup> with more severe disease evident in people with thinner  
10 corneas<sup>9-11</sup>.

11 Central corneal thickness varies among ethnic populations with individuals of African  
12 descent having lower values than European Caucasians and East Asians<sup>2,12,13</sup>. Genome-wide  
13 association studies in European Caucasians<sup>14-16</sup>, Asians<sup>14,17</sup> and Hispanics<sup>18</sup> have identified  
14 *ZNF469*, *RXRA-COL5A1*, *COL8A2* and *FOXO1* among others as important loci contributing to  
15 CCT. *RXRA-COL5A1* and *ZNF469* have been associated with CCT in most populations studied  
16 while the associations of other loci (*COL8A2*, *FOXO1*) may be restricted to specific  
17 populations<sup>19</sup>. Recently, *WNT7B* SNPs have been associated with CCT in Latinos<sup>20</sup>, and  
18 interestingly some of these same SNPs were associated with axial length and corneal  
19 curvature, traits influencing myopic refractive error, in a Japanese population.<sup>21</sup>

20 Few genetic studies of ocular quantitative traits have been completed in individuals from  
21 South India, a population with high prevalence of common ocular conditions, especially cataract  
22 and glaucoma<sup>22-27</sup>. In Indian populations CCT is thinner than the average values for  
23 Caucasians<sup>22</sup> suggesting that CCT could be an important factor in the development of CCT-  
24 related common ocular disorders in this population. To identify genetic risk loci for CCT in South  
25 Indians we completed a family-based association study using large pedigrees, many with

consanguineous matings that are typical for this geographic region. For the top SNPs located in the *WNT7B* region, we also completed a phenome-wide association study (PheWAS) to examine the range of phenotypes associated with *WNT7B* SNPs in this South Indian population.

## **MATERIALS and METHODS**

### **Pedigrees and quantitative traits**

This study adhered to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki and has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Boards of Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Medical Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, India. After obtaining written informed consent, 197 individuals from 15 Indian pedigrees were recruited at Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, India. CCT was measured by an ultrasonic pachymeter in triplicate and the average value was used. Methods to measure the other traits used in the PheWAS are described in the Supplementary Methods. Collections of samples for replication cohorts are described in the Supplementary Methods.

### **Genotyping and quality control**

Genotyping for the South Indian families was performed at the Ocular Genomics Institute at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary using the Illumina HumanOmni2.5-8 Beadchip kit (2,379,855 markers, Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA). Genotypes were called using GenomeStudio (v2011.1, Illumina, Inc.). The genetic sex of all individuals was consistent with the reported sex. Two samples were removed because genotyping call rates were <99%. The average call rate per sample was >99.8%. Quality control (QC) for 2,352,697 (98.9%) well-clustered SNPs was performed with PLINK (v1.07)<sup>28</sup>. 25,088 (1.1%) SNPs with call frequency < 90% and 881,678 (37.5%) SNPs with minor allele frequency (MAF) < 0.01 were removed from the analysis. 164,174 (7.0%) SNPs with Mendelian errors and 58,443 (2.5%) SNPs on chromosome X or Y, or on the mitochondrial chromosome were also excluded. After QC,

1 1,223,314 SNPs were included in the final analysis. Genotyping for replication cohorts is  
2 described in the Supplementary Methods.

### 3 **Statistical analysis**

4 The kinship coefficients for pairwise relationships across pedigrees were estimated from  
5 the SNP data using the KING software<sup>29</sup>. The heritability for each trait was estimated with  
6 restricted maximum likelihood–based linear modeling in the GCTA software<sup>30</sup>, taking into  
7 account all pedigree relationships simultaneously. Inverse-normal transformation of ranks was  
8 applied to CCT measurements before analysis. Age and sex were included as covariates in the  
9 association tests. The genome-wide association test was performed using the score test in  
10 MERLIN (v1.1.2)<sup>31,32</sup>, which incorporated genetic relatedness based on the family structure.  
11 Because this program applies a restriction on pedigree size, 8 of the 15 pedigrees were split  
12 into non-overlapping fragments of  $\leq 18$  bits using the PedSTR program<sup>33</sup>, which breaks  
13 inbreeding loops and identifies sub-pedigrees having the maximal total relationship between  
14 individuals of interest, resulting in a total of 26 effective sub-pedigrees used in the final analysis.  
15 To avoid an excess of false-positive results in regions of strong linkage, the likelihood-ratio test  
16 was performed to accurately evaluate the SNPs with suggestive association. The regional SNP  
17 association plot was generated using SNAP<sup>34</sup>. The variance in CCT explained by all the SNPs  
18 in the Indian population was estimated using GCTA<sup>30</sup>.

19 Meta-analysis using the inverse-variance weighting method was done using both fixed-  
20 effects and random-effects models using Review Manager software (RevMan, version 5.3;  
21 Copenhagen: The Nordic Cochrane Centre, The Cochrane Collaboration, 2014). The  
22 heterogeneity between datasets was evaluated by heterogeneity index ( $I^2$ ) and Cochran's Q  
23 statistic<sup>35</sup>. Heterogeneity among datasets was further examined by evaluating differences in  
24 ethnicity (Indians, Latinos, or Europeans), study design (family-based design or case-control

design), imputation quality score, age and sex in meta-regression models using the R package “metafor”<sup>36</sup>. Forest plots were generated using the R package “metafor”<sup>36</sup>.

### **PheWAS**

45 quantitative traits (including CCT) (Supplementary Table 1) were analyzed for association as described above. Methods for measuring each trait are described in the Supplementary Methods. The average value for each trait for both eyes was used for analysis. Age and sex were included as covariates in the association tests. The association tests were performed using the likelihood-ratio test in MERLIN (v1.1.2)<sup>31,32</sup>. The PheWAS plots were generated using the R package ggplot2<sup>37</sup>. Phenotypes were grouped along the x-axis by categorization of ocular measures (Biometric traits, Corneal traits, Optic nerve traits, Refractive error traits). Each point in the plot represents the  $-\log_{10}(P)$  value of a trait measure in association analysis. The lower grey dashed line indicates  $P = 0.05$ . The upper black dashed line indicates a single-SNP Bonferroni correction  $P = 0.001$  ( $0.05/45$ ).

### **Power analysis**

Power analysis was performed using the Genetic Power Calculator<sup>38</sup>. The total proportion of trait variance was derived from the estimated heritability of these ocular traits in the South Indian pedigrees. For CCT, axial length (AXL) and corneal curvature heritability was 0.54, 0.84 and 0.82, respectively. The QTL increaser allele frequency was set to the same as the marker allele frequency. Linkage disequilibrium between the QTL and the marker was set at  $D' = 1.0$ . The sample size was set as 26 because a total of 26 effective sub-pedigrees were used in the final analysis. The sibling correlation was set as 0.5. The sibship size was set as 2. An additive effects only (1 df) test was used to calculate the power at the type I error rate of  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  for GWAS or 0.001 ( $0.05/45$  traits) for PheWAS. Power results for all traits are listed in Supplementary Table 1.



## RESULTS

### Study sample

195 individuals from 15 pedigrees (Supplementary Figure 1) were recruited at Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital, Chennai, India for a family-based genetic association study. These pedigrees were unrelated to each other; the maximum kinship coefficient estimated from the SNP data across pedigrees was 0.0344. The pedigree size ranged from 2 to 26 members. 10 of the pedigrees included at least one consanguineous mating. 58% of the subjects were female and 42% male. The average age was 44.9 ( $\pm 15.0$ ) years and the age ranged from 16-85 years. These families were not ascertained on specific eye conditions. CCT was measured by an ultrasonic pachymeter in triplicate for each eye (Supplementary methods) and the average value for both eyes was used (516.2 ( $\pm 30.2$ )  $\mu\text{m}$  average; 433 to 608  $\mu\text{m}$  range; Supplementary Table 1).

### Genome-wide association results for CCT

After quality control, 1,223,314 SNPs were included in the genome-wide CCT analysis. The results for the family-based association test are shown in Supplementary Figure 2. The genomic inflation factor of 1.05 (QQ plot, Supplementary Figure 3) suggested that population substructure or other confounding factors were not significant. Six SNPs located on chromosomes 6, 13, 18 and 22 showed suggestive evidence of association with CCT ( $P < 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Table 1), with the top SNP (rs9330813,  $P = 1.7 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $\beta = -0.57$ , 95%CI: -0.78, -0.36 [A]) located in the first intron of *WNT7B* on chromosome 22 (Figure 1). CCT association with rs9330813 was two orders of magnitude greater than any other SNP (Table 1) and accounted for 17% of the phenotypic variance in the South Indian families. *WNT7B* SNPs have previously only been associated with CCT in a Latino population (MAGGS, Mexican American Glaucoma Genetics Study)<sup>20</sup> and the top SNP in the Latino study (rs10453441), is 422 bp from rs9330813.

rs10453441 is in moderate linkage disequilibrium with rs9330813 in the South Indian dataset ( $r^2 = 0.55$ ) and was nominally associated with CCT in the South Indian pedigrees ( $P = 5.85 \times 10^{-4}$ , Supplementary Table 2).

To provide further support for the association of *WNT7B* with CCT in the South Indian pedigrees, we investigated the association of rs9330813 in the Latino study cohort as well as in 4 independent European datasets (Figure 2). In addition we investigated association of rs10453441 with CCT in an independent Singaporean Indian cohort, and 5 independent European datasets (Supplementary Figure 4). The *WNT7B* SNPs were imputed from previous genotype data for the European cohorts. For both rs9330813 and rs10453441 association with CCT was evident with consistent direction of effects observed in all datasets with the exception of one European cohort for rs10453441 (Supplemental Figure 4). For both SNPs, strongest association was observed for the South Indian and MAGGS (Latinos) datasets, with smaller effects in European cohorts (Figure 2, Supplemental Figure 4). Significant heterogeneity was detected among datasets, due to imputation quality and study design (meta-regression  $P = 0.0001$  and  $P=0.02$  respectively). Limiting the meta-analysis to datasets with imputation scores  $> 0.7$  for each SNP reduced but did not completely eliminate heterogeneity (Figure 2, Supplemental Figure 4). Because of the residual heterogeneity reverse inverse weighted meta-analyses were completed using both fixed and random effects and investigated separately the datasets with imputation scores  $> 0.7$  for each SNP. Using the fixed effects model, significant association was observed for CCT and rs9330813 [A] ( $P= 1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ ,  $\beta = -3.94$ , 95%CI: -5.23,-2.66; Figure 2), and rs10453441 [G] ( $P=2.20 \times 10^{-11}$ ,  $\beta= -3.11$ , 95%CI: -4.02, -2.02, Supplemental Figure 4). Evidence for association improved using only the datasets with imputation scores  $> 0.7$ : rs9330813[A] ( $P= 5.0 \times 10^{-12}$ ,  $\beta = -5.59$ , 95%CI: -7.17,- 4.00; Figure 2), and rs10453441 [G] ( $P=5.3 \times 10^{-12}$ ,  $\beta= -3.43$ , 95%CI: -4.40, -2.45, Supplemental Figure 4). Reduced but consistent association was observed using the random effects model for both SNPs: rs9330813 [A]

( $P=7.0 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\beta = -8.00$ , 95%CI: -13.85, -2.15); rs10453441 [G] ( $P=1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $\beta = -3.44$ , 95%CI: -5.21, -1.68).

The top *WNT7B* SNP, rs9330813 is in strong equilibrium with rs9723267, ( $r^2 = 0.96$  and 1.0 in the South Indian dataset and 1000 Genomes, Haploreg v.4.1, respectively), that disrupts a Rad21 binding motif and a CTCF (CCCTC-binding factor) binding site as well as other transcription factor binding sites (RegulomeDB, Supplementary Figure 5) suggesting a role in regulation of gene expression. The region of intron 1 that includes the *WNT7B* SNPs associated with CCT contains multiple DNaseI hypersensitivity sites and features of enhancers as annotated by ENCODE in multiple cell types (Supplementary Figure 5).

In the South Indian family dataset we also replicated association ( $P < 0.005$ ) with a number of loci previously associated with CCT including *RXRA-COL5A1*<sup>16</sup>, *ZNF469*<sup>15</sup>, *GPR15*<sup>13</sup> and *GLT8D2*<sup>13</sup>, although none of these associations were as significant as those observed for the *WNT7B* SNPs in this population (Supplementary Table 3). It was estimated that 53.8% of the variance in CCT was explained by all the CCT-associated SNPs in this Indian population.

We also investigated the association of the *WNT7B* SNPs associated with CCT in this study with primary open angle glaucoma (POAG) in our NEIGHBORHOOD European Caucasian dataset of 3853 cases and 33480 controls<sup>39</sup>. However, similar to other studies<sup>14</sup> we did not find evidence for association of these SNPs with POAG ( $P > 0.05$ ).

## PheWAS

Recently SNPs also located in this same region of the first intron of *WNT7B* have been associated with two other ocular quantitative traits, corneal curvature and axial length, in a GWAS using a Japanese population<sup>21</sup>. The lead SNP in the Japanese study, rs10453441 is the same SNP associated with CCT in the Latino study<sup>20</sup> located 422 bp from rs9330813, the lead SNP in the South Indian pedigrees (Supplementary Figure 5). To determine if the *WNT7B*

association in our dataset was specific for CCT we performed an age- and sex-adjusted PheWAS (Phenotype-wide association study) using association data for 45 ocular quantitative traits measured in the same families used for the CCT analysis (see Supplementary Table 1 for complete list of traits), including axial length and corneal curvature, the two traits associated with the *WNT7B* SNP rs10453441 in the Japanese study<sup>21</sup>. For the PheWAS, we investigated the top 3 *WNT7B* SNPs (rs9330813, rs9723267 and rs75159625) from our data (Supplementary Table 2) and also the top 2 SNPs in the Japanese study (rs10453441 and rs200329677). Four of these SNPs are preferentially associated with CCT in the South Indian sample (the remaining SNP, rs200329677, was not significantly associated with CCT or any other trait in this dataset) (Figure 3, Supplementary Figure 6). In the South Indian dataset, the PheWAS data did not support significant association of any *WNT7B* SNP with any trait other than CCT ( $P > 0.001$ ) including axial length or corneal curvature as was observed in the Japanese study (Figure 3, Supplementary Figure 6) despite having sufficient power ( $> 99.9\%$ ) for axial length and corneal curvature to detect the associations previously described (Supplementary Table 1).

## DISCUSSION

This is the first GWAS for CCT in individuals residing in Southern India, a population at increased risk for blinding ocular disorders<sup>27,40</sup>. In this family-based study that included large consanguineous pedigrees we identified association of CCT with *WNT7B* SNPs located in an apparent regulatory region likely to impact gene expression. Pedigrees with consanguineous matings are known to have added power for genetic studies of recessive traits. In this study we have shown that consanguineous families can also provide genetic insights leading to discovery of loci for quantitative traits. The CCT boxplot for three genotypes of top SNP rs9330813 was consistent with an additive model in this South Indian dataset (Supplementary Figure 7). We estimated that we had at least 82% power to detect the associations between these *WNT7B* SNPs and CCT in this South Indian dataset.

1            *WNT7B* codes for a member of the Wnt family of proteins that have critical roles in cell  
2 growth, patterning and differentiation of multiple tissues and organs<sup>41</sup>. The canonical WNT  
3 signaling pathway that includes WNT7b (the product of *WNT7B*) is known to contribute to stem  
4 cell proliferation in development<sup>42</sup>. In the eye *WNT7B* has been shown to have increased  
5 expression in the central cornea and may also be necessary for corneal limbal stem cell  
6 development<sup>43</sup>. Interestingly a rare exonic variant in another WNT family member, *WNT10A*,  
7 has also been associated with central corneal thickness in a quantitative trait study of European  
8 Caucasians<sup>44</sup>.

9            The *WNT7B* SNPs associated with CCT are located in the first intron of the gene in a  
10 region with multiple DNaseI hypersensitivity sites and enhancers as annotated by ENCODE.  
11 The top SNP is in strong linkage disequilibrium with rs9723267 that impacts Rad21 and CTCF  
12 (CCCTC-binding factor) binding sites. Rad21 is one of the subunits of the cohesin complex that  
13 together with CTCF associates with active enhancers and promoters forming long-range  
14 interactions important for gene regulation<sup>45</sup>. Rad21 and CTCF activity is highest when a general  
15 transcription factor (TBP) binding site is also nearby<sup>46</sup> as is the case in the *WNT7B* region  
16 associated with CCT (Supplementary Figure 5), suggesting that genetic variants in this region  
17 could impact gene expression.

18            In addition to the association between *WNT7B* and CCT we also confirmed association  
19 with several other loci previously associated with CCT in other populations, in particular *ZNF469*  
20 and *RXRA-COL5A1*. Genomic association studies have now been completed for CCT in a  
21 variety of ethnic populations including European Caucasians<sup>13-16</sup>, Asians<sup>17</sup> and Latinos<sup>18,20</sup>.  
22 Evidence for association of CCT with *ZNF469* and *RXRA-COL5A1* has been found in most  
23 populations, while other CCT loci such as *COL8A2*, significantly associated in Asians<sup>17</sup>, may be  
24 restricted to specific populations<sup>19</sup>. Our study suggests that *WNT7B* is an important locus for  
25 CCT in the South Indian population.

*WNT7B* SNPs may also contribute to other ocular phenotypes. In a study conducted in Japanese, SNPs in the same genomic region associated with CCT in our study were associated with AXL and corneal curvature, ocular quantitative traits related to refractive error and myopia<sup>21</sup>. We have previously measured 45 quantitative traits in the collection of Indian pedigrees used for this study including AXL, corneal curvature and refractive error. This collection of quantitative trait data made it possible to complete an ocular PheWAS for the *WNT7B* SNPs associated with CCT in our study and the *WNT7B* SNPs associated with AXL and corneal curvature in the Japanese study. Understanding the range of phenotypic consequences of DNA sequence variants may provide insights into the mechanisms by which a variant or gene leads to disease. The PheWAS approach can test the association of a disease-associated variant with a broad range of phenotypes.<sup>48-50</sup> We found that in the South Indian population the *WNT7B* SNPs are specifically associated with CCT and did not show evidence of association with any other traits, including those related to myopia and refractive error. While the Japanese study did not specifically interrogate association with CCT, it appears that the *WNT7B* SNPs can be associated with additional or different traits in the Japanese population. The opportunity to complete a PheWAS to evaluate the association of the *WNT7B* SNPs with a broad range of ocular phenotypes was a strength of our study.

In summary our family-based association analysis using South Indian pedigrees has identified *WNT7B* as a locus for CCT in this population and an ocular PheWAS conducted in the same dataset showed that the *WNT7B* association is specific for this trait in these South Indian pedigrees. *WNT7B* is known to be associated with CCT in a Latino population<sup>20</sup> but has not been previously shown to be a CCT locus in Asians or European Caucasians suggesting that genomic studies in specific ethnic populations can uncover new loci for complex traits that provide additional insights into the underlying genetic architecture of these common conditions.

## **Acknowledgements**

1 This work was supported by NIH/NEI grants R21EY018149 (JLW), R01EY027129 (JLW),  
2 P30EY014104 (JLW) and R01EY022651 (XG), P30EY001792 (XG).

### 3 **Web Resources**

4 1000 Genomes Project Phase I v3 haplotypes

5 <http://csg.sph.umich.edu/abecasis/MACH/download/1000G.2012-03-14.html>

6 GCTA

7 <http://gcta.freeforums.net/>

8 Genetic Power Calculator

9 <http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/gpc/>

10 HaploReg

11 <http://www.broadinstitute.org/mammals/haploreg/haploreg.php>

12 KING

13 <http://people.virginia.edu/~wc9c/KING/index.html>

14 MERLIN

15 <https://csg.sph.umich.edu/abecasis/Merlin/>

16 PedSTR

17 <http://mga.bionet.nsc.ru/soft/PedStr/PedStr.tar.gz>

18 PLINK

19 <http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/plink/>

20 R

21 <https://www.r-project.org/>

22 RegulomeDB

23 <http://regulome.stanford.edu/>

24 SNAP

25 <http://archive.broadinstitute.org/mpg/snap/>

## Conflict of Interest Statement:

On behalf of all authors, the corresponding author states that there is no conflict of interest.

## References

1. Charlesworth J, Kramer PL, Dyer T, Diego V, Samples JR, Craig JE, Mackey DA, Hewitt AW, Blangero J, Wirtz MK (2010) The path to open-angle glaucoma gene discovery: endophenotypic status of intraocular pressure, cup-to-disc ratio, and central corneal thickness. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 51:3509-3514. doi: 10.1167/iops.09-4786
2. Dimasi DP, Burdon KP, Craig JE (2010) The genetics of central corneal thickness. *Br J Ophthalmol.* 94:971–976. doi: 10.1136/bjo.2009.162735
3. Vincent AL, Jordan CA, Cadzow MJ, Merriman TR, McGhee CN (2014) Mutations in the zinc finger protein gene, ZNF469, contribute to the pathogenesis of keratoconus. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 55:5629-5635. doi: 10.1167/iops.14-14532
4. Lu Y, Dimasi DP, Hysi PG, Hewitt AW, Burdon KP, Toh T, Ruddle JB, Li YJ, Mitchell P, Healey PR, Montgomery GW, Hansell N, Spector TD, Martin NG, Young TL, Hammond CJ, Macgregor S, Craig JE, Mackey DA (2010) Common genetic variants near the Brittle Cornea Syndrome locus ZNF469 influence the blinding disease risk factor central corneal thickness. *PLoS Genet.* 6:e1000947. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1000947
5. Villani E, Garoli E, Bassotti A, Magnani F, Tresoldi L, Nucci P, Ratiglia R (2013) The cornea in classic type Ehlers-Danlos syndrome: macro- and microstructural changes. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 54:8062-8068. DOI: 10.1167/iops.13-12837
6. Brandt JD, Casuso LA, Budenz DL (2004) Markedly increased central corneal thickness: an unrecognized finding in congenital aniridia. *Am J Ophthalmol.* 137:348–350. DOI: 10.1016/j.ajo.2003.09.038
7. Jiang X, Varma R, Wu S, Torres M, Azen SP, Francis BA, Chopra V, Nguyen BB; Los Angeles Latino Eye Study Group (2012) Baseline risk factors that predict the development of open-angle glaucoma in a population: the Los Angeles Latino Eye Study. *Ophthalmology.* 119:2245-2253. DOI: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2012.05.030
8. Gordon MO, Beiser JA, Brandt JD, Heuer DK, Higginbotham EJ, Johnson CA, Keltner JL, Miller JP, Parrish RK 2nd, Wilson MR, Kass MA (2002) The Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study: baseline factors that predict the onset of primary open-angle glaucoma. *Arch Ophthalmol.* 120:714–720.
9. Shah H, Kniestedt C, Bostrom A, Stamper R, Lin S (2007) Role of central corneal thickness on baseline parameters and progression of visual fields in open angle glaucoma. *Eur J Ophthalmol.* Jul-Aug;17:545-549.
10. Kniestedt C, Lin S, Choe J, Nee M, Bostrom A, Stürmer J, Stamper RL (2006) Correlation between intraocular pressure, central corneal thickness, stage of glaucoma, and



demographic patient data: prospective analysis of biophysical parameters in tertiary glaucoma practice populations. *J Glaucoma*.15:91-97.

11. Jonas JB, Stroux A, Velten I, Juenemann A, Martus P, Budde WM (2005) Central corneal thickness correlated with glaucoma damage and rate of progression. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci*. 46:1269-1274. DOI: 10.1167/iovs.04-0265

12. Dimasi DP, Hewitt AW, Kagame K, Ruvama S, Tindyebwa L, Llamas B, Kirk KA, Mitchell P, Burdon KP, Craig JE (2011) Ethnic and mouse strain differences in central corneal thickness and association with pigmentation phenotype. *PLoS One*. 6:e22103. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0022103

13. Chua J, Tham YC, Liao J, Zheng Y, Aung T, Wong TY, Cheng CY (2014) Ethnic differences of intraocular pressure and central corneal thickness: the Singapore Epidemiology of Eye Diseases study. *Ophthalmology*. 121:2013-2022. DOI: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2014.04.041

14. Lu Y, Vitart V, Burdon KP, Khor CC, Bykhovskaya Y, Mirshahi A, Hewitt AW, Koehn D, Hysi PG, Ramdas WD, Zeller T, Vithana EN, Cornes BK, Tay WT, Tai ES, Cheng CY, Liu J, Foo JN, Saw SM, Thorleifsson G, Stefansson K, Dimasi DP, Mills RA, Mountain J, Ang W, Hoehn R, Verhoeven VJ, Grus F, Wolfs R, Castagne R, Lackner KJ, Springelkamp H, Yang J, Jonasson F, Leung DY, Chen LJ, Tham CC, Rudan I, Vataavuk Z, Hayward C, Gibson J, Cree AJ, MacLeod A, Ennis S, Polasek O, Campbell H, Wilson JF, Viswanathan AC, Fleck B, Li X, Siscovick D, Taylor KD, Rotter JI, Yazar S, Ulmer M, Li J, Yaspan BL, Ozel AB, Richards JE, Moroi SE, Haines JL, Kang JH, Pasquale LR, Allingham RR, Ashley-Koch A; NEIGHBOR Consortium, Mitchell P, Wang JJ, Wright AF, Pennell C, Spector TD, Young TL, Klaver CC, Martin NG, Montgomery GW, Anderson MG, Aung T, Willoughby CE, Wiggs JL, Pang CP, Thorsteinsdottir U, Lotery AJ, Hammond CJ, van Duijn CM, Hauser MA, Rabinowitz YS, Pfeiffer N, Mackey DA, Craig JE, Macgregor S, Wong TY(2013) Genome-wide association analyses identify multiple loci associated with central corneal thickness and keratoconus. *Nat Genet*. 45:155-163. DOI: 10.1038/ng.2506

15. Lu Y, Dimasi DP, Hysi PG, Hewitt AW, Burdon KP, Toh T, Ruddle JB, Li YJ, Mitchell P, Healey PR, Montgomery GW, Hansell N, Spector TD, Martin NG, Young TL, Hammond CJ, Macgregor S, Craig JE, Mackey DA (2010) Common genetic variants near the Brittle Cornea Syndrome locus ZNF469 influence the blinding disease risk factor central corneal thickness. *PLoS Genet*. 6:e1000947. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1000947

16. Vitart V, Bencić G, Hayward C, Skunca Herman J, Huffman J, Campbell S, Bućan K, Navarro P, Gunjaca G, Marin J, Zgaga L, Kolčić I, Polasek O, Kirin M, Hastie ND, Wilson JF, Rudan I, Campbell H, Vataavuk Z, Fleck B, Wright A (2010) New loci associated with central cornea thickness include COL5A1, AKAP13 and AVGR8. *Hum Mol Genet*. 19:4304-4311. DOI: 10.1093/hmg/ddq349

17. Vithana EN, Aung T, Khor CC, Cornes BK, Tay WT, Sim X, Lavanya R, Wu R, Zheng Y, Hibberd ML, Chia KS, Seielstad M, Goh LK, Saw SM, Tai ES, Wong TY (2011) Collagen-

- related genes influence the glaucoma risk factor, central corneal thickness. *Hum Mol Genet.* 20:649-658. DOI: 10.1093/hmg/ddq511
18. Gao X, Gauderman WJ, Liu Y, Marjoram P, Torres M, Haritunians T, Kuo JZ, Chen YD, Allingham RR, Hauser MA, Taylor KD, Rotter JI, Varma R (2013) A genome-wide association study of central corneal thickness in Latinos. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 54:2435-2443. DOI: 10.1167/iovs.13-11692
  19. Hoehn R, Zeller T, Verhoeven VJ, Grus F, Adler M, Wolfs RC, Uitterlinden AG, Castagne R, Schillert A, Klaver CC, Pfeiffer N, Mirshahi A (2012) Population-based meta-analysis in Caucasians confirms association with COL5A1 and ZNF469 but not COL8A2 with central corneal thickness. *Hum Genet.* 131:1783-1793. DOI: 10.1007/s00439-012-1201-3
  20. Gao X, Nannini DR, Corrao K, Torres M, Chen YI, Fan BJ, Wiggs JL; International Glaucoma Genetics Consortium., Taylor KD, Gauderman WJ, Rotter JI, Varma R (2016) Genome-wide association study identifies WNT7B as a novel locus for central corneal thickness in Latinos. *Hum Mol Genet.* pii: ddw319. [Epub ahead of print]
  21. Miyake M, Yamashiro K, Tabara Y, Suda K, Morooka S, Nakanishi H, Khor CC, Chen P, Qiao F, Nakata I, Akagi-Kurashige Y, Gotoh N, Tsujikawa A, Meguro A, Kusuhara S, Polasek O, Hayward C, Wright AF, Campbell H, Richardson AJ, Schache M, Takeuchi M, Mackey DA, Hewitt AW, Cuellar G, Shi Y, Huang L, Yang Z, Leung KH, Kao PY, Yap MK, Yip SP, Moriyama M, Ohno-Matsui K, Mizuki N, MacGregor S, Vitart V, Aung T, Saw SM, Tai ES, Wong TY, Cheng CY, Baird PN, Yamada R, Matsuda F; Nagahama Study Group, Yoshimura N (2015) Identification of myopia-associated WNT7B polymorphisms provides insights into the mechanism underlying the development of myopia. *Nat Commun.* 6:6689. DOI: 10.1038/ncomms7689
  22. Philomenadin FS, Asokan R, N V, George R, Lingam V, Sarangapani S (2015) Genetic association of SNPs near ATOH7, CARD10, CDKN2B, CDC7 and SIX1/SIX6 with the endophenotypes of primary open angle glaucoma in Indian population. *PLoS One.* 10(3):e0119703. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0119703
  23. Vijaya L, Rashima A, Panday M, Choudhari NS, Ramesh SV, Lokapavani V, Boddupalli SD, Sunil GT, George R (2014) Predictors for incidence of primary open-angle glaucoma in a South Indian population: the Chennai eye disease incidence study. *Ophthalmology.* 121:1370-1376. DOI: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2014.01.014
  24. Panday M, George R, Asokan R, Ramesh SV, Velumuri L, Choudhari NS, Boddupalli SD, Sunil GT, Vijaya L (2015) Six-year incidence of ocular hypertension in a South Indian population: the Chennai eye disease incidence study. *Br J Ophthalmol.* 99:604-608. doi: 10.1136/bjophthalmol-2014-305714.
  25. Bourne RR, Stevens GA, White RA, Smith JL, Flaxman SR, Price H, Jonas JB, Keeffe J, Leasher J, Naidoo K, Pesudovs K, Resnikoff S, Taylor HR; Vision Loss Expert Group (2013) Causes of vision loss worldwide, 1990-2010: a systematic analysis. *Lancet Glob Health.* 1(6):e339-349. DOI: 10.1016/S2214-109X(13)70113-X

- 1 26. Vijaya L, Asokan R, Panday M, Choudhari NS, Ramesh SV, Velumuri L, Boddupalli SD,  
2 Sunil GT, George R (2014) Baseline risk factors for incidence of blindness in a South Indian  
3 population: the chennai eye disease incidence study. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 55:5545-  
4 5550. doi: 10.1167/iov.14-14614.
- 5 27. Vijaya L, George R, Asokan R, Velumuri L, Ramesh SV (2014) Prevalence and causes of  
6 low vision and blindness in an urban population: The Chennai Glaucoma Study. *Indian J*  
7 *Ophthalmol.* 62:477-481. doi: 10.4103/0301-4738.111186.
- 8 28. Purcell S, Neale B, Todd-Brown K, Thomas L, Ferreira MA, Bender D, Maller J, Sklar P, de  
9 Bakker PI, Daly MJ, Sham PC (2007) PLINK: a tool set for whole-genome association and  
10 population-based linkage analyses. *Am J Hum Genet.* 81(3):559-575. DOI:  
11 10.1086/519795
- 12 29. Manichaikul A, Mychaleckyj JC, Rich SS, Daly K, Sale M, Chen WM (2010) Robust  
13 relationship inference in genome-wide association studies. *Bioinformatics.* 26(22):2867-  
14 2873.
- 15 30. Yang J, Benyamin B, McEvoy BP, Gordon S, Henders AK, Nyholt DR, Madden PA, Heath  
16 AC, Martin NG, Montgomery GW, Goddard ME, Visscher PM (2010) Common SNPs explain  
17 a large proportion of the heritability for human height. *Nat Genet.* 42(7):565-569.
- 18 31. Abecasis GR, Cherny SS, Cookson WO, Cardon LR (2002) Merlin-rapid analysis of dense  
19 genetic maps using sparse gene flow trees. *Nat Genet.* 30:97-101.
- 20 32. Chen WM, Abecasis GR (2007) Family-based association tests for genomewide association  
21 scans. *Am J Hum Genet.* 81(5):913-926.
- 22 33. Kirichenko AV, Belonogova NM, Aulchenko YS, Axenovich TI (2009) PedStr software for  
23 cutting large pedigrees for haplotyping, IBD computation and multipoint linkage analysis.  
24 *Ann Hum Genet.* 73(Pt 5):527-531.
- 25 34. Johnson AD, Handsaker RE, Pulit SL, Nizzari MM, O'Donnell CJ, de Bakker PI (2008)  
26 SNAP: a web-based tool for identification and annotation of proxy SNPs using HapMap.  
27 *Bioinformatics.* 24(24):2938-2939. DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btn564
- 28 35. Higgins JP, Thompson SG, Deeks JJ, Altman DG (2003) Measuring inconsistency in meta-  
29 analyses. *BMJ.* 327:557-560.
- 30 36. Viechtbauer W (2010) Conducting meta-analyses in R with the metafor package. *Journal of*  
31 *Statistical Software* 36(3):1-48.
- 32 37. Wickham H. *ggplot2: elegant graphics for data analysis.* Springer New York, 2009.
- 33 38. Purcell S, Cherny SS, Sham PC (2003) Genetic Power Calculator: design of linkage and  
34 association genetic mapping studies of complex traits. *Bioinformatics.* 19(1):149-150.
- 35 39. Bailey JN, Loomis SJ, Kang JH, Allingham RR, Gharahkhani P, Khor CC, Burdon KP,  
36 Aschard H, Chasman DI, Igo RP Jr, Hysi PG, Glastonbury CA, Ashley-Koch A, Brilliant M,

1 Brown AA, Budenz DL, Buil A, Cheng CY, Choi H, Christen WG, Curhan G, De Vivo I,  
2 Fingert JH, Foster PJ, Fuchs C, Gaasterland D, Gaasterland T, Hewitt AW, Hu F, Hunter DJ,  
3 Khawaja AP, Lee RK, Li Z, Lichter PR, Mackey DA, McGuffin P, Mitchell P, Moroi SE,  
4 Perera SA, Pepper KW, Qi Q, Realini T, Richards JE, Ridker PM, Rimm E, Ritch R, Ritchie  
5 M, Schuman JS, Scott WK, Singh K, Sit AJ, Song YE, Tamimi RM, Topouzis F,  
6 Viswanathan AC, Verma SS, Vollrath D, Wang JJ, Weisschuh N, Wissinger B, Wollstein G,  
7 Wong TY, Yaspan BL, Zack DJ, Zhang K, Study EN; ANZRAG Consortium, Weinreb RN,  
8 Pericak-Vance MA, Small K, Hammond CJ, Aung T, Liu Y, Vithana EN, MacGregor S, Craig  
9 JE, Kraft P, Howell G, Hauser MA, Pasquale LR, Haines JL, Wiggs JL (2016) Genome-wide  
10 association analysis identifies TXNRD2, ATXN2 and FOXC1 as susceptibility loci for primary  
11 open-angle glaucoma. *Nat Genet.* 48:189-194. doi: 10.1038/ng.3482.

12 40. Thulasiraj RD, Nirmalan PK, Ramakrishnan R, Krishnadas R, Manimekalai TK, Baburajan  
13 NP, Katz J, Tielsch JM, Robin AL(2003) Blindness and vision impairment in a rural south  
14 Indian population: the Aravind Comprehensive Eye Survey. *Ophthalmology.* 110:1491-1498.

15 41. Bengoa-Vergniory N, Kypta RM (2015) Canonical and noncanonical Wnt signaling in neural  
16 stem/progenitor cells. *Cell Mol Life Sci.* 72(21):4157-4172.

17 42. Famili F, Brugman MH, Taskesen E, Naber BE, Fodde R, Staal FJ (2016) High Levels of  
18 Canonical Wnt Signaling Lead to Loss of Stemness and Increased Differentiation in  
19 Hematopoietic Stem Cells. *Stem Cell Reports.* 6(5):652-659. DOI:  
20 10.1016/j.stemcr.2016.04.009

21 43. Nakatsu MN, Ding Z, Ng MY, Truong TT, Yu F, Deng SX (2011) Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling  
22 regulates proliferation of human cornea epithelial stem/progenitor cells. *Invest Ophthalmol*  
23 *Vis Sci.*52:4734-4741. DOI: 10.1167/iovs.10-6486

24 44. Cuellar-Partida G, Springelkamp H, Lucas SE, Yazar S, Hewitt AW, Iglesias AI, Montgomery  
25 GW, Martin NG, Pennell CE, van Leeuwen EM, Verhoeven VJ, Hofman A, Uitterlinden AG,  
26 Ramdas WD, Wolfs RC, Vingerling JR, Brown MA, Mills RA, Craig JE, Klaver CC, van Duijn  
27 CM, Burdon KP, MacGregor S, Mackey DA (2015) WNT10A exonic variant increases the  
28 risk of keratoconus by decreasing corneal thickness. *Hum Mol Genet.* 24:5060-5068. DOI:  
29 10.1093/hmg/ddv211

30 45. Seitan VC, Faure AJ, Zhan Y, McCord RP, Lajoie BR, Ing-Simmons E, Lenhard B, Giorgetti  
31 L, Heard E, Fisher AG, Flicek P, Dekker J, Merkenschlager M (2013) Cohesin-based  
32 chromatin interactions enable regulated gene expression within preexisting architectural  
33 compartments. *Genome Res.*23:2066-2077. DOI: 10.1101/gr.161620.113

34 46. Roy S, Siahpirani AF, Chasman D, Knaack S, Ay F, Stewart R, Wilson M, Sridharan R  
35 (2015) A predictive modeling approach for cell line-specific long-range regulatory  
36 interactions. *Nucleic Acids Res.*43:8694-8712. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv1181.

37 47. Genetic analysis in UK Biobank links insulin resistance and transendothelial migration  
38 pathways to coronary artery disease.

48. Klarin D, Zhu QM, Emdin CA, Chaffin M, Horner S, McMillan BJ, Leed A, Weale ME, Spencer CCA, Aguet F, Segrè AV, Ardlie KG, Khera AV, Kaushik VK, Natarajan P; CARDIoGRAMplusC4D Consortium, Kathiresan S. Nat Genet. 2017 Jul 17. doi: 10.1038/ng.3914. [Epub ahead of print]
49. Denny JC, Bastarache L, Roden DM. Phenome-Wide Association Studies as a Tool to Advance Precision Medicine. Annu Rev Genomics Hum Genet. 2016 Aug 31;17:353-73. doi: 10.1146/annurev-genom-090314-024956. Epub 2016 May 4.
50. Denny JC, Bastarache L, Ritchie MD, Carroll RJ, Zink R, Mosley JD, Field JR, Pulley JM, Ramirez AH, Bowton E, Basford MA, Carrell DS, Peissig PL, Kho AN, Pacheco JA, Rasmussen LV, Crosslin DR, Crane PK, Pathak J, Bielinski SJ, Pendergrass SA, Xu H, Hindorff LA, Li R, Manolio TA, Chute CG, Chisholm RL, Larson EB, Jarvik GP, Brilliant MH, McCarty CA, Kullo IJ, Haines JL, Crawford DC, Masys DR, Roden DM. Systematic comparison of phenome-wide association study of electronic medical record data and genome-wide association study data. Nat Biotechnol. 2013 Dec;31(12):1102-10.

## Figure Legends

**Figure 1. Regional SNP association plot for the 22q13 region.** A region of 408 kb around the top SNP (rs9330813) is displayed. The degree of LD between the top SNP and any SNP tested is indicated by red shading. The recombination rate is displayed by a blue line with scale on the right-hand axis. Characterized genes in the region are represented with a green bar. The  $P$  value for rs9330813 ( $1.71 \times 10^{-7}$ ) is shown as a red diamond.

**Figure 2. Meta-analysis for rs9330813 and CCT.** Forest plot showing effect estimates for the South Indian pedigree, as well as for the replication effort. Pooled estimates for  $\beta$  and 95% confidence interval (95% CI) were calculated by fixed-effects, inverse variance weighting meta-analysis. Reduced evidence of association but with similar effects was observed if the meta-analysis was calculated using random effects:  $P=7.0 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\beta = -8.00$ , 95%CI: -13.85, -3.15. Individual dataset results are indicated by black squares and summary values are indicated by

black diamonds. Abbreviations: MAGGS, Mexican American Glaucoma Genetic Study;  
ORCADES, Orkney Complex Disease Study; TwinsUK, UK Twin Study.

**Figure 3. PheWAS plot for the top SNP associated with CCT in the South Indian**

**population (rs9330813).** The association results for each measured trait (Supplementary Table 1) for this SNP were plotted with the phenotypes (ocular traits) grouped along the x-axis and the  $-\log_{10}(P)$  value for association analysis on the y-axis. The phenotype group is indicated by the color of the graph point as indicated by the side panel. The lower grey dashed line indicates  $P = 0.05$ . The upper black dashed line indicates a single-SNP Bonferroni correction for 45 traits,  $P = 0.001$  ( $0.05/45$ ). Abbreviations: CCT, central corneal thickness; IOPg, intraocular pressure measured by Goldman applanation; AXL, axial length; CRF, corneal resistance factor; K\_H, corneal curvature, horizontal; K\_V, corneal curvature, vertical; RNFL\_VC, retinal nerve fiber layer curvature as measured by the (Heidelberg Retina Tomograph and analyzed by using Glaucoma Probability Score (GPS). Other traits were not labeled in these figures due to limited space. Categories are grouped according to Supplementary Table 1.

**Table 1. SNPs with  $P < 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  for association with CCT in South Indian pedigrees**

SNP	Chr	Position <sup>a</sup>	Gene	A1/A2 <sup>b</sup>	MAF <sup>c</sup>	$\beta$ <sup>d</sup>	s.e.	<i>p</i>
rs77747357	6	151377143	<i>MTHFD1L</i>	G/A	0.247	0.605	0.133	$1.97 \times 10^{-6}$
rs67580603	13	90875539	<i>LINC00559-MIR622</i>	A/G	0.082	0.875	0.195	$3.83 \times 10^{-6}$
rs10084050	18	28657553	<i>DSC2</i>	C/T	0.013	2.012	0.451	$5.91 \times 10^{-6}$
rs9330813	22	46364161	<i>WNT7B</i>	A/G	0.495	-0.570	0.107	$1.71 \times 10^{-7}$
rs9723267	22	46365557	<i>WNT7B</i>	T/G	0.495	-0.530	0.107	$1.45 \times 10^{-6}$
rs75159625	22	46377008	<i>WNT7B</i>	C/A	0.497	-0.530	0.107	$1.46 \times 10^{-6}$

<sup>a</sup>Genomic positions are based on NCBI Build 37/hg19.

<sup>b</sup>A1/A2, minor allele/common allele.

<sup>c</sup>MAF, minor allele frequency.

<sup>d</sup> $\beta$  models the expected change in mean CCT per increase of one A1 allele.

Chr, chromosome; s.e, standard error.

## rs9330813 ( CEU )







